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In re Patent Application of:
Jun-Ichi Kawakami et al.

Application No.: 10/500,999

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Art Unit: 1626

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FUSED
IMIDAZOLE COMPOUND, REFORMATSKY
REAGENT IN STABLE FORM, AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: L. Stockton

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination after the filing of a Notice of Appeal filed February 17, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time for three months from April 17, 2009, up to and including July 17, 2009, is included herewith.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.